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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1896, on or before 15th March, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. J. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [531]

GRAND BALLOON ASCENT

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [532]

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"THALES,"
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 23rd instant, at DAYLIGHT.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [528]

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [529]

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [530]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 2nd Floor, 2nd Street, THIS DAY (FRIDAY), the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12.30 of the clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896, and to elect a Committee of Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [533]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8 per cent. per Share and BONUS of 4 per cent. per Share for the 31st Month ending 31st December, 1896, declared at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 23rd February, and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. J. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1897. [504]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 27th February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company for the 31st December, 1896, with the Report of the Directors, and to elect any matters that may be completely brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1897. [374]

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1897. [2175]

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [498]

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [530]

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Entries close on 3rd March. Lists have been placed for signature at the Racquet Club and at the Golf Club.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [520]

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
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Hongkong, 26th February, 1897. [517]

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1897.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 26th, 1897.

SOME misapprehension appears to exist

with regard to the so-called concession

granted to the Russo-Chinese Railway

Company to the effect that Chinese Customs

duties for imports and exports carried across

the Russian frontier shall be one-third

lower than in the case of sea-borne goods.

Instead of being something new this is

merely a declaration of a previously exist-

ing right. Our contemporary the Hong-

kong Telegraph, however, apparently over-

looking the treaty provisions already in

force on the subject, says that "The

"Russians are to be congratulated on

"scoring a great diplomatic success in

"respect of the reduction of Customs duties

"on imports from and exports to Russia by

"the new railway, and it is a question

"whether the thanks of all foreigners

"interested in the trade with China

"are not due to the shrewd representa-

"tive of the Czar in Peking who, by

"over on the alert to strike when China

"should be unable to refuse to consent to

"his overtures, however unpleasant, has

"thus obtained a great concession that may

"be rendered beneficial to all nations, in

"view of the fact that the 'most favoured

"nation' clauses of the treaties can, no

"doubt, be made operative in the premises.

"It would be manifestly unfair, and opposed

"to the spirit of the 'most favoured nation'

"clauses of the treaties, to admit Russian

"goods one-third lower than sea-borne

"goods and levy the usual duties on all

"sea-borne goods at the same time, for

"were this done the Russians and Chinese

"trading under Russian auspices, could

"under-cut all who failed to use the railway.

"We trust to learn in due course

"that Sir Claude MacDonald has not

"been slow to take every advantage of the

"opening which such great concessions

"assuming the reports to be true, to Russia

"unquestionably entails. One thing

"is clear and it is that if Russia has

"obtained the right to import and export

"by the Manchurian railway on payment of

"one-third less duty than is payable at the

"Chinese Customs-house on goods imported

"and exported by steamers, then the

"British Minister should decline to discuss

"any further the proposal of the Chinese

"Government to raise the import duties

"from 5 to 10 per cent and ad valorem."

"If our contemporary had been aware of

"the facts of the case, it would have

"dealt with the matter on a different line of

"argument, though perhaps it would equally

"have arrived at the conclusion that it is

"manifestly unfair that goods arriving by

"one route should be charged less duty than

"goods arriving by another. Unfortunately,

"however, Great Britain, in common with

"France, and Russia, has already conceded

"this dangerous principle. In the Russian

"Convention of 1862 for the regulation of the

"land trade it is provided that "Russian

"merchants transporting Russian mer-

"chandise shall on their arrival at Tientsin

"pay import duty at the rate of one-third

"less than that specified in the general

"foreign tariff." In the French Convention

"of 1867 it is agreed that in order to develop

"the trade between China and Tonkin

"as rapidly as possible foreign goods imported

"into Yunnan and Kwangsi from Tonkin shall

"pay only 70 per cent of the import duties

"collected by the Customs at the Coast Ports

"in China. Proceeding on the same lines, in

"the Burmah Convention of 1894, with a view

"to the development of trade between China

"and Burmah, the Chinese Government con-

"sents that for six years from the ratification

"of the Convention the duties levied on

"goods imported into China by the

"Burmah route shall be those specified in the

"general tariff of the Maritime Customs

"diminished by three-fourths. There are cor-

"responding provisions with respect to the

"export trade, only there the reduction is

"still greater. Great Britain having thus ac-

"cepted a special concession to herself in the

"way of a remission of duty on merchandise

"conveyed by a particular route is not in a

"position to oppose the continuance of con-

"cessions of the same nature previously

"granted to other Powers.

"The concessions referred to, however,

"were granted when railways were still in

"what appeared to be the distant future.

"Now we have railways reaching out their

"arms towards China from the North and the

"South. Whether a difference of one-third

"in the Customs duties chargeable on goods

"will have any material influence in direct-

"ing the present sea-borne trade of the

"Twenty Ports to the railways when they

"are completed may be doubtful, but in the

"competition of rival routes every cent in the

"way of charges must tell to some extent.

"If it be found that a large volume of

"trade is developed by the railways China

"in the interests of her own revenue would

"naturally desire an equalization of the duties

"and would have a good case for opening

"negotiations to that effect with the Powers

"concerned, representing that under the

"changed conditions the special agreements

"have ceased to be equitable, they having

"been arrived at when land carriage was slow

"and costly and the trade unable to bear the

"same duties as sea-borne trade. Under the

"present circumstances, however, it is hardly

"open to invoke the favoured nation clause,

"certainly not to Great Britain, in view of

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The M. M. steamer Ernest Simon left Saigon

yesterday at 9 P.M.

Professor Price's balloon ascent and parachute

descent will take place at the Happy Valley

tomorrow at 4 P.M.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alcega Memorial

and Natchez Hospitals has to acknowledge

with thanks the following donations to the

funds of the Hospitals—

Holiday, Wisk & Co. \$100.

Wei Lun Shek 25

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at their store in Queen's Road a beautiful

silver embossed card-table. One fold

divides the well known avenue of trees at

Nikko and the other the saint bridge. The

screen is the first of its kind that has ever been

erected in Hongkong and it is a magnificent

specimen of artistic workmanship of the old

school, the screen being a most realistic

picture.

The King of Siam, according to the Siam

Press, has definitely arranged to visit

England in June next to be present at the

celebration of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee.

His Majesty will travel by a Siam steamer

The programme so far arranged is as follows.

His Majesty will arrive at the first week

in April and proceed direct to Genoa,

where the yacht will be left to follow, and

the royal party will proceed by train. He

will be made in Italy, Switzerland, and

France, the longest stay being made in

England, where the King will remain during

the celebrations in June. From England the

royal party will proceed by train to St. Petersburg,

Sweden, Denmark, and St. Petersburg,

where another long stay will be made. His

Majesty desires it right and proper that as the

present Czar has visited Siam the complimentary

should be returned by a Siam steamer, which

will be about next September, when an effort

will be made to induce His Majesty to travel

by the United States, the Malacca, or one of the

reigning party. During the absence of the King

Siam affairs will be managed by a Council

of Ministers, with the Queen as head.

From the Westminster Budget—"The 'hardy

British far' has shown once more how his

arm has become, in course of time, a terror

throughout the inhabited world. The scene is

laid at Hongkong, and the scene is a

man-of-war. A French man-of-war happened to

be in the harbour. At once his crew, a

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